



Meeting Minutes

Nitrauer PTO

Date: Tuesday, 11/13/18

Location: Nitrauer Elementary (Teacher's lounge/Faculty room)

Meeting Called To Order By: President, Maggie Foley

Time: 19:05-2025



Attendance: Number of attendees - 14

Listed in order of signature: Maggie Foley, Angela Salabsky, Sherri Usner, Jessica Whitley, Diana Everhart Hanna, Alex Massie, Wendy Hancock, John Smith, Stephanie Ruth, Laura Stechman, Jenine Nicholas, Tess Wallace, also present Rafael Rosario and Missy Weaver

Minutes: Minutes of 11/13/2018

Officers' Reports

President: Maggie Foley - No new reports.

Vice President: Angela Salabsky

Treasurer: Christina Lott - Unable to attend.
Treasurer's report distributed during meeting.

Principal: Dr. Wendy Hancock

1. Race for Education (RFE) Yield: Approx. 20K (successful fundraiser, projected over 28K two years ago)
2. Please notify Treasurer to write check for new printer to Manheim Township School District.
3. Parent conferences will commence next week.
4. Annual Westminster Church drill (school evacuation site) will be done next month. It is equipped for parent pickup. This will be our third year combined with fire drill. The church is within walking distance. This is slated for December 7th, 2018.
5. Mrs. D (library assistant) will be organizing new books (326 books) from PTO donation and funding from Dr. Hancock.
6. There are 487 kids in the building, with over 500 email addresses sent of eblasts, etc. Will send new reminders this Monday.

Committee Reports

1. SLAC (Superintendent Lay Advisory Council) Report ~ Jenine Nicholas for Dr. Felty:

- There are 5800 Students in the District (843 don't go but attend charter/cyber schools).
- Manheim Township is well above State standard across all areas.
- Student achievement data is to focus on whole child/mental health.
- Middle school construction update: far behind d/t weather; Southside project will be done until the holidays



- 12/3/18 is the next board meeting. At this date, we will be able to see and discuss tax updates, etc. and will be going over by-laws. There will possibly be another needed position for Landis Run committee - will revisit how selections are done.

Old Business

1. **Sherri Usner:** Shared Thank-you note from the library, for the PTO 5K monetary donation.

2. **Mr. Rosario:** For Teacher Appreciation gifts - Gave update that snacks and coffee were well-received, "gone by lunchtime" and teacher's treats in mailboxes, were very much appreciated, to all those whom (parents) organized.

Laura Stechman: She has graciously volunteered to order teachers' breakfast on Tuesday at Grand Central Bagel in Centerville: Approx. 23 breakfast sandwiches, bagels, to-go coffee will be approx. \$141.01. Will likely purchase this + add'l box of coffee

Susan?: For December, may introduce funny/corny themes for each day or month. Likely to distribute treats. For example, in January may attempt Cheer up theme, in February, Love, etc. Will also contact theaters to obtain final details for Family Movie nights (dates, times, cost).

Diana Hanna: Decorated a thank you board for the Custodians', we thank you for your thoughtfulness Diana

Dr. Hancock: Involve everyone with appreciation (school psychologists, etc.) 23 Classroom teachers + Specialist teachers. Requests enough supply for at least 35 staff members.

Suggested outflow: \$40-50 per month to have caffeine/food monthly. We may possibly obtain tax exemption for these items. Ask Janet Campbell how to use tax exemption for decorations, food, etc. for teacher appreciation gifts.

Discussion ensued for possible decorating budget. To allow for craft items for staff door decor, etc.

3. **Maggie Foley:** Butterfly garden - Mulch will be laid down; Possible movie night (or two) at Penn Cinema - with largest theater capacity of 125 people for \$750 each showing or another room with 99 recliners (Mon-Wed, some Thursdays, fee doubles on weekend); will update with further details; currently Brecht Elementary (<300 students) does a Signup Genius

4. **Alex Massie- Spiritiwear:** There are 24 orders for a total of 45 items. Deadline for paper orders was 11/14 and online orders until 11/18.

New Business

1. **Missy Weaver (School Counselor):** Presented PowerPoint introduction of new college and career curriculum - "Career Readiness." New state regulations are designed to further expose students; this is run by Chapter 339, Career Education and Work Standards. This is from State Law and we will be "graded" by them. We will need to show evidence that our K-12 students have exposure (parents can review child's work, in the Sapphire Portal), by the Career Readiness Indicator. Ultimately, these "evidence pieces" are collected to be reported to the state by the school counselor. This helps give students a starting point. Evidence is needed for audit accountability. You may review: VirginiaPACareerZone.com

Some parents expressed concern that this could potentially put their child "in a box." Mr. Rosario provided valuable feedback. He shared how Trade School jobs (such as welders and electricians) are in high demand and may start at a pay-grade of 70K/year, less significant student debt of traditional degrees. This new

curriculum may help spur interest in many areas, that may be overlooked or unknown to students. Other Resources of interest (documents/websites) discussed include:

**Career Readiness Indicator for the Future Ready PA Index and ESSA Accountability: Guidelines for Evidence Collection, Monitoring, and Reporting:

<https://www.education.pa.gov/Documents/K-12/Career%20and%20Technical%20Education/CEWStandards/Main/Career%20Readiness%20Guidance.pdf>

**Kld Search for students to explore possible careers based on interests, subjects, etc.

<https://vacareerview.org/k5/check-it/kids-search/>

**Success in the New Economy:

<https://vimeo.com/67277269?scrlybrkr=517f107d>

2. **Maggie:** There is a line item budget for Scholastic Book Fair. Decorations purchased for Book Fair may be reimbursed under its budget line.

Announcements

Fall Fest: Kim Romano not present to recap

Mix it UP: Volunteers - Full.

Book Fair - Tue to Thurs 11/27-11/29: Alex Massie - is currently co-chair; She shares flyers will be sent and ewallet will be introduced - where parents may go online and put funds on card to spend at the fair (may check balance at register); Open online til 12/6; books shipped - are based on availability within the warehouse (different from Scholastic); Online shop will close on 12/02/18; Please make checks payable to: Nitrauer PTO

Pottery Painting: Per Maggie, Deb stated orders are in for pottery; Event date: 12/1/18 (Saturday)

Bingo Night: Per Maggie, slated for January 19th, 2019

Next PTO Meeting: slated for January 15, 2019

PTO Message: We support all our children and families. Thanks to events like the Race for Education we can fund family events (rollerskating, Fall Fests) and projects. We are dedicated to fiscal responsibility and demonstrated transparency in the decisions voted upon, for the betterment of our school community.

Meeting Adjourned At: 11/13/18 - approx. 2025

Minutes Compiled By: Tess Wallace, Secretary